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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kurt Rowan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7-13-2004
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beaton.

The patent to Beaton shows an insect trap having an upper section 21, having side walls, a top cover 30 and plural openings 22 in the side walls. Beaton shows an enclosed lower section 24 and a funnel 23 between the upper section and the lower section wherein the funnel has a wide opening adjacent the upper section and a smaller opening within the lower section. Beaton shows a light source 28. Beaton shows a hanging means (not labeled) in Fig. 1. Beaton shows a clear plastic funnel which would be optically transmissive. In reference to claim 13, Beaton shows a cover 27 that attaches to the enclosed lower section when the enclosed lower section is removed from the upper section. Beaton shows a clear plastic lower section that would inherently be optically transmissive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3, 7, 10, 17, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beaton.

The patent to Beaton shows an insect trap as discussed above. In reference to claim 3, the sleeve 21 of Beaton is clear to draw insects into the trap, but it would have been obvious to employ a white inner surface of the sleeve since the insects are attracted to light colors. In reference to claim 7, Beaton does not disclose using a ultraviolet light source, but it would have been obvious to employ an old and well known ultraviolet light source for the known insect attracting properties. In reference to claim 17, Beaton does not show a funnel insert disposed within the funnel to restrict the opening of the funnel, but it would have been obvious to employ a funnel insert or a funnel with a smaller opening for the purpose of adjusting the size of the opening for different sized insects. In reference to claim 19, Beaton does not disclose the angle of the funnel which appears to be about 60 degrees from the horizontal. At any rate, it would have been obvious to employ an angle of at least 45 degrees from the horizontal to ensure insects that land of the funnel are directed by gravity into the trap and since exact sizes and angles of the trap would be determined through routine experimentation absent a showing of criticality.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Mah, Boobar, Takamoto, Wilson, Noonan, Glass, and Troth show other insect traps with light.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kurt Rowan whose telephone number is 703 308-2321. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on 703 308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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